

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2007-377-E - ORDER NO. 2007-784
NOVEMBER 1, 2007

IN RE:	Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas)	ORDER APPROVING
	Company for Approval to Conduct Forest)	FOREST
	Management Activities on Property at the VC)	MANAGEMENT AT VC
	Summer Nuclear Station)	SUMMER FACILITY

This matter comes before the Commission by way of a letter dated October 15, 2007 from South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or the "Company") notifying the Commission of the Company's intentions to conduct certain forest management and other activities at a site adjacent to the VC Summer Nuclear Station in Jenkinsville, South Carolina. The letter requests that the Commission issue an order ruling that the contemplated forest management and other activities do not constitute "commencing to construct" a major utility facility as those terms are defined in Section 58-33-20(3) of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-10 *et seq.* (2006) (the "Siting Act"). The letter was accompanied by an affidavit of Richard R. Morton, General Manager Land and Facilities of SCE&G, attesting to the specific forest management and other activities planned by the Company as well as a map showing the location of the activities.

As set forth in the letter and accompanying affidavit, SCE&G intends to harvest all merchantable timber and remove brush and debris on an approximately 186 acre site.

These forest management activities are to take place on a portion of the site where SCE&G may build new nuclear capacity in the future. However, SCE&G has not made a final decision with regard to building this new nuclear capacity. In conducting the tree harvesting and brush and debris removal, SCE&G will follow the South Carolina Forestry Commission's Best Management Practices ("BMP's") as applicable. The Company will set aside stream-side management zones and undertake erosion control measures as necessary. SCE&G also states that in the event it does not proceed with construction of new nuclear capacity, all harvested areas will be replanted using BMP's.

In addition to the timber harvesting, SCE&G plans to conduct clearing and grubbing on a twenty-five (25) foot right-of-way of approximately one-quarter mile in length as part of the rerouting of an existing underground electrical distribution line that connects the Parr Hydro facility to VC Summer Nuclear Station Unit I. The voltage of the line in question is 23kV.

The Commission has reviewed the letter and the attachments submitted by SCE&G and finds that the forest management activities planned by the Company do not constitute "commencing to construct" a major utility facility as defined in the Siting Act. The Commission finds that the electrical line in question is a distribution voltage line and so does not fall within the definition of "major utility facility" under the Siting Act. Accordingly, no permit is required under the Siting Act to relocate it.

The Commission rules that the activities set forth in the letter of October 15, 2007, fall outside of the terms of the Siting Act and so no permit is required to proceed with them under that act. It is therefore ordered that the relief requested in SCE&G's letter of

October 15, 2007, is granted.

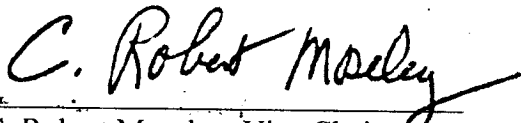
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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